

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – MA&UD Department – Allegation of corruption and acquisition of assets disproportionate to the known sources of income against Sri Metta Appanna, Executive Engineer, Zone-IV, Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority (VUDA), Visakhapatnam – Sanction for prosecution – Orders – Issued.

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MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 200

Dated:20-09-2014

Read:

ORDER:

Whereas, Sri Metta Appanna, S/o Simhachalam joined Government service in the Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department as a Surveyor-cum-Draughtsman (Engineering Supervisor) on 17.06.1977, in Town Planning Trust (it was later renamed as Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority – VUDA), Visakhapatnam and worked in various capacities in Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority (VUDA), Visakhapatnam till 28.05.2002. Then he went on deputation to Andhra Pradesh Health & Medical Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation, Vizianagaram and worked as Executive Engineer (FAC), Andhra Pradesh Health & Medical Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation, Vizianagaram from 29.05.2002 to 29.05.2003. Later he was repatriated to his parent unit i.e. VUDA on 30.05.2003 and worked as Dy. Executive Engineer, VUDA, Visakhapatnam till 30.09.2004 and while working as Executive Engineer, Zone-IV, in VUDA, Visakhapatnam from 01.10.2004 to till date of conducting searches i.e. on 28.09.2010 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of “Public Servant” as defined under clause (c) of section 2 the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988);

2. And whereas, on credible information that Sri Metta Appanna, Executive Engineer, Zone-IV, VUDA, Visakhapatnam has acquired assets disproportionate to his known sources of legal income, a case in Cr.No. 14/RCA-VSP/2010 u/s 13 (1)(e) r/w 13 (2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, was registered on 27.09.2010 and investigated into. During the course of investigation, after obtaining search warrants, simultaneous searches were conducted on 28.09.2010 at the residential premises of Sri Metta Appanna and his relatives and seized several incriminating documents pertaining to his assets, income and expenditure;

3. And whereas for the purpose of investigation, the check period has been taken from 17.06.1977 (i.e. the date of joining Govt. Service) to 28.09.2010 (i.e. the date of house searches);

4. And whereas, it is alleged that the said Sri Metta Appanna, while functioning in the above capacities as Government Servant, during the check period commencing from 17.06.1977 to 28.09.2010 acquired and in possession of assets to a tune of Rs. 70,08,217/- (Rupees seventy lakhs, eight thousand, two hundred and seventeen only). His total income during the aforesaid check period (from 17.06.1977 to 28.09.2010) was Rs. 55,91,164/- (Rupees fifty five lakhs, ninety one thousand, one hundred and sixty four only) and his total expenditure during the same check period was arrived at Rs. 70,71,644/- (Rupees seventy lakhs, seventy one thousand, six hundred and forty four only). Thus he incurred excess expenditure of Rs. 14,80,480/- (Rupees fourteen lakhs, eighty thousand, four hundred and eighty only) (Expenditure – Income Rs. 70,71,644 – Rs. 55,91,164/-). As seen from the above, Sri Metta Appanna was found in possession of assets

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disproportionate to the known sources of his income to a tune of Rs, 84,88,697/- (Rupees eighty four lakhs, eighty eight thousand, six hundred and ninety seven only) (Total Assets + (add) Excess expenditure i.e. Rs. 70,08,217/- + Rs. 14,80,480/-);

5. And whereas, Sri Metta Appanna submitted his written statement of defence on the statutory Notice. The contents of his written statement of his defence was taken into consideration and further investigation was made on explanation and the investigation finally revealed that the said Sri Metta Appanna acquired all the above assets by corrupt and dubious means;

6. And whereas, the said acts of Sri Metta Appanna constitutes an offence punishable under sub section (2) of section 13 read with clause (e) of sub section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central act 49 of 1988);

7. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove the said Sri Metta Appanna, Executive Engineer, Zone-IV, VUDA, Visakhapatnam, from service, after fully and carefully examining the material placed before them (FIR, inventory reports, statements of witnesses and Final Report etc., ) in respect of the said allegation and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that the said Sri Metta Appanna should be prosecuted in a court of law for the aforesaid offence.

8. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accorded sanction for the prosecution of Sri Metta Appanna, Executive Engineer, Zone-IV, VUDA, Visakhapatnam, for the above said offence punishable under sub section (2) of section 13 read with Clause (e) of sub section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offence/offences, punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
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